

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 232

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Harry Smith for his
astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should salute those individuals who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Harry Smith is one such exemplary citizen, who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, hailing from the land of Lincoln, Mr. Smith shares his birthplace, Elmhurst, Illinois, with Ronald Reagan and is proud to be our 40th President's oldest living relative; and

WHEREAS, before making the Volunteer State his permanent home in 1966, Harry Smith had already amassed an impressive resume, working assiduously at various positions in New Jersey and Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith served with acumen and alacrity as the General Manager at Yale Hardware in Gallatin, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike due to the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, when the plant closed its doors in 1974, Harry Smith listened to his entrepreneurial spirit, opened his own business Dynameck, in Lavergne, and adeptly operated it for the next thirty-years; and

WHEREAS, an ardent patriot and devoted member of the Grand Old Party, Mr. Smith is a founding member of the Sumner County Republican Group. With a resolute determination to improve his community, state, and country, he launched the highly-influential organization in 1966 and continues to be a valuable and active member of it to this day; and

WHEREAS, Harry Smith's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Harry Smith is most grateful for the love and support he shares with his beloved wife of sixty-nine years and their two extraordinary children: Dean and Barbara; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and commend Harry Smith for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and extend to him our best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.